

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 23 and 24 to read as follows:

After all shopping has been completed, as shown in Fig. 1C, the customer 21 heads toward the sales counter 20c, directs the RFID portable terminal 22 toward a POS apparatus 25 provided there, and presses a settle payment button 32F (depicted in Fig. 3). With the settle payment button, the RFID portable terminal 22 communicates with the POS apparatus 25 via radio waves. With this wireless communication, the commodity codes of the all of the commodities selected by the customer 21 and stored in the RFID portable terminal 22 are transmitted to the POS apparatus 25. The POS apparatus 25 functions as a single terminal connected to an information-processing apparatus 26 for conducting merchandise management and sales management in the merchandise retail store 20. The information-processing apparatus 26 receives commodity information relayed to the outside by the RFID portable terminal 22 concurrently with the RFID portable terminal 22 reading out that commodity information from a wireless tag. When the information-processing apparatus 26 receives this information, it executes a commodity preparation command 26a based on the commodity code included in the relay. The merchandise retail store 20 carries out preparations in accordance with the commodity preparation command 26a by taking out a commodity from a store warehouse, for example.